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To

Clarion Pa. 3 Apr. 3 1885
 8 pm
 Dr. Sheldon J. D. Jackson
 Care Hon. Jno. Eaton
 Natl. Bu. of Education
 Washn.

Will accept, if appointed go to Harrisburg
 and Washn. next week.

David Lawson

550 255 1021

Rev. Dr Jackson

Dear Sir:

I wrote you 4 letters in March
all very important. I fear you did
not rec. them before you left Alaska as
Dairy informs me. I told you that the
President now through me & his brother
Wm Cleveland knew all about you &
your work for Alaska. Had read the books
& was ready to take your advice & listen
to all you had to say & change the Govt
officials if you showed him it should
be done. I told you also that he
would give my son John the Mar-
shelskip if you showed that the
present Marshal was not for the
good of Alaska & I wanted that
position for John & he would be a
sound supporter of your work all
the time he was there, & now is
the time to make Alaska. If you
are in W. yet will you go to the
Pres. & among other things, get

John the Marsheship? He
would be a first class Marshal,
he is very popular in all his
ways, very honest, a total
prohibitionist in views, & used to
menaging men. If you are back
in Alaska when you get this, &
the Marshal & other business
in Alaska has not been moved
will you write to the President-at-
once, & to the Sec. of the Interior
if that is needed too?

In haste

Julia McMain Wright

Rochester April 6/85

O. D. Eaton Esq. Treas.

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Dear Sir; Your letter of April 3rd at hand and Enclosed you will please find N.Y. Draft for \$100⁰⁰ to the order of Mr Sheldon Jackson and if you please hand the same to him as you say in your letter he will be there next week, I will be greatly obliged to you. Tell him it is for the support of a scholar in Alaska the same as last year. This is from the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of The Central Presbyterian Church. Please have him send receipt for same & oblige

Yours very Respectfully
Robert Jackson Treas.
16 Marilla St

New York Apr. 8 / 85-

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,

Dear Sir

Your letter
relating to the Indian School in
Alaska was received at the office
of the Northwest Education Commission
and has been forwarded to me.

I expect to be in Washington
this week Sat. and will call at
your office for a conference
upon the subject

Yours Truly
Charles R. Bliss
Sec. of the
Northwest Ed. Com.

W. J. BARNEY & CO.
LAND AGENTS,
27 TRIBUNE BUILDING,
(ESTABLISHED 1851.)

Chicago, April 8th - 1885.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Care Bureau of Education
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you here-
with, a letter of commendation
from L. A. Goddard the
Assistant Genl. Solicitor
of The Chicago Burlington
and Quincy Railroad
Company, I have been the
District Atty for said
R.R. Co. for over 15 years,
& Mr. Goddard has
been Asst. Genl. Solr. all
that time & as such my
work as Atty for the R.R.
has come under his super-
-vision, - After I go home
I can easily select the
volume & page of our Supreme
Court Reports where I have been
Atty for the R.R. Co. & Mr. Garland

Can get something of an
idea from them as to
whether or not I have
had any experience or
skill as an Atty. I
guess he will find that
I have gained Every
Case I ever tried in
Supreme Court. The fact
is I have gained Every
one but one in both
the Supreme Court & Appellate
Court that I have ever
tried there, & I have
been in those Courts very
often for an Atty of my
age, having no partner &
living in the Country.

I mention this as a
matter of public record
& not that I wish to sound
my own praise, - But the
record is there & they can
judge for themselves, The
Ill. Supreme Court Reports
are doubtless in Mr. Garlands
Library at Washington.
Respy, ^{Y^e} J^r A. Torcross

THE CHICAGO
LINSEED OIL PAINT COMPANY,

OFFICE, 270 SO. CLINTON ST.,

Telephone No. 4084.

W. M. MORRISON, Pres't.
J. F. SHORT, Vice-Pres't.
W. J. BARNEY, Sec'y and Treas.

CHICAGO, Apr 8th 1885

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Care Bureau of Education
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I sent you a telegram to-day saying that I would accept the position of District Attorney of the U.S. at Sitka Alaska. This I did under the representations made by Brother George, from what you had said to him, — I went to see Ex. Gov. John D. Beveridge (who is a strong Republican, but an uncle of my wife, & a friend of mine) to-day. He is in N.Y. & will be gone for several weeks, I have just written him & if he gets the letter I have no doubt but he will, send directly to you a very fair indorsement of myself. If he sends you a letter you can use it the same as though it were sent to the Atty Genl. of the U.S. — I will see some other parties here to-day & get indorsements from them & send to you. & I will also see our Member of Congress Hon. Mr. H. A. Rice of Macomb McDonough Co Illinois & get an indorsement from

him, Mr. Kece is an Atty. Knows me professionally politically & in every other way & he will do any thing & every thing he can to secure my appointment, for we are friends politically & in every way. He is an indefatigable worker & if he is in Washington when you are there, he will go with you & aid you in any way that I would want him to. If you see him you can give him this letter it will be all the introduction you need. He is a true man & you need not be afraid of him.

He was in my office ^{at Monmouth} about a week ago when I was here on business & I don't know whether he is in Washington D.C. or at his home in Macomb Ill.

Let me hear from you soon as you can.

Very Resp.
J. C. Horcross

Washington D.C.

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April 9th

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir,

Miss Cleveland
has signified her willingness
to see us any day after Thursday,
and after 8 o'clock in the
evening; consequently I have
written her that we will call
Friday evening of this week
shortly after 8 o'clock.

Will you take supper
with me at six o'clock and
we can drive there in the
evening. Cordially yours.

M. E. James.

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GEO. R. WILLIAMSON, Sec'y.

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Dated Chicago Ill April 8th Rec'd at Branch Office
Rev Sheldon Jackson 10th St., N. W. 1885

Go Bureau of Education
 4 Cor 8th new
 All right will accept district
 attorney will send testimonial
 to you promptly. reply to me at
 monmouth Ill
 Wm C. Morcross
 monmouth

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Rate 25 cents for 20 words and 10 cents for each additional 10 words or less.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION.
Washington, D.C. April 11, 1885.

In accordance with the law requiring that the Secretary of the Interior shall make needful and proper provision for the education of the children of school age in the Territory of Alaska, without reference to race, Sheldon Jackson, is hereby appointed General Agent of Education by the authority and with the approval of the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior.

(SEAL). John Eaton,
COMMISSIONER.

COPY

U. S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C.

May 1, 1885.

My Dear Sir:

In view of the very great and general interest manifested in regard to everything pertaining to Alaska, I feel like congratulating you on the reward you are now receiving for your long, unwearied, and very efficient labors on behalf of that distant portion of our country. When I remember your faithful work for Alaska while you were superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for the Rocky Mountain Territories, your able and successful efforts to arouse public sentiment in behalf of a government and schools for Alaska, and your addresses all over the country on the subject, taken with what has come under my personal observation while a Member of the Forty-eighth Congress and a member of the Committee on Territories and on the sub committee having in charge the bill proposing a civil government for Alaska, I say without any hesitation that in my humble judgment, to you more than to any other one man or agency is due the success thus far attained in the direction of the establishing of a form of government, and the improvement in the condition of the inhabitants of Alaska. I took from the first, a special interest in the bill before our committee because of the information you furnished and your connection with the matter. Please accept my sincere congratulations on your appointment as the first superintendent of public instruction for Alaska and believe me

Yours very truly,

(Signed) F.A. Johnson,
Member of Congress Twenty-first District, N.Y.

Rev, Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF EDUCATION,

Washington D.C. April 9, 1885.

Sir:

In carrying out the orders of the Department under the law providing for the establishment of common schools in Alaska, I find a condition of facts which I wish to submit to your consideration, together with a recommendation. The nearest school in Alaska will be about 4,500 miles from Washington, and all of the the schools will be widely separated from each other, some of them doubtless over 6,000 miles from this city. The appropriation of \$25,000 for the entire work is very small, and much should be done in the way of inducing the communities where there is money to cooperate in bearing expenses, and thus increasing the amount to be accomplished by the small fund at command. I see no way to organize schools sufficiently under these circumstances but by the appointment of someone in Alaska as a general agent of education.

Residing at Sitka, this superintendent could go out in the naval vessel to visit the several chief centers of population, where schools can be established, and interest the people, judge intelligently of the requirements for buildings, teachers, etc. and thus furnish the data for intelligent direction of the schools here in Washington. I therefore recommended that a general agent of education for Alaska be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, to report to this office for orders and instructions, at a nominal salary of \$1,200 a year, which will be but little more than cover expenses. Before concluding to make this recommendation I may add that I have conferred with a considerable number of very intelligent persons who have visited Alaska all of whom thoroughly concur in the view that it would be impossible

to manage schools there efficiently without local superintendent.

The governor of the Territory when here recently expressed himself to the same effect. In looking for the proper person to become such an agent, I find no one either so well qualified or so strongly recommended as Mr. Sheldon Jackson. He has repeatedly visited considerable portions of the country, and written a book which is a popular source of information in regard to its people and their progress, and led the way in the establishment of the schools at present taught in the Territory, and is now their superintendent. He was unanimously recommended for the position of superintendent of instruction by all of the private organizations some time since aiming to promote education in Alaska, and by a considerable number of prominent men. I have known Mr. Jackson thoroughly for a considerable number of years. He is a Christian gentleman of excellent ability, great energy, and, I believe, specially fitted to carry through successfully the plan of establishing schools in that far-off country.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully your obedient
servant,

(Signed) John Eaton.
Commissioner.

The Secretary of the Interior. Washington. D.D.

Approved:
L.Q.C. Lamar, Secretary.

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Sheldon Jackson Institute.

AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sitka, Alaska, 4/10

1885

Dear Dr. Jackson:

You will be surprised and grieved to learn that we have lost more than half of our children. A spirit of persecution seems to have seized some of the people including several of the officials of the civil government. Mr. Lewis is a noble exception, and I would rejoice to have him retained by the President. The district attorney has been violent and will continue to cause us further trouble if he remains. They have enjoined us from doing any work, and have instilled among the Indians a spirit of distrust and even of dislike that will be hard to combat for some time to come. We are all working together most harmoniously in the Home, and our efforts are nobly seconded by Mr. Lewis & Mr. Brady.

While we are greatly discouraged we do not despair, and hope to breast the present difficulties to a successful issue. If you can succeed in having two or three officials removed soon all will be well with us yet.

There has developed a special bitterness against you since you left and your enemies feel as though you had escaped them. They will trump all sorts of charges against you on your return. The judge acknowledged to me that any grand jury drawn in Sitka would return a true bill on any charges preferred at the instigation of the district attorney and the interpreter and that any jury would probably convict. Of course he did not use just the above words, but they convey the thought. I am satisfied that they — the parties referred to — will do all they can to persecute you when you come. If possible, I think it would be wise to have the attorney

General excuse you from appearing at the May term. After a few months the feeling may be allayed and there will be less risk for you to come.

Mrs. Westland & Mrs. Austin have both been quite ill since the March steamer left. The former has recovered and the latter is convalescent.

If Mr. Austin goes ~~in~~ this steamer he will probably meet you and give you the details of our troubles. He feels our reverses very poignantly.

I expect to go east on the June steamer to meet my family. If our persecutors succeed in taking all or nearly all of our children away from us I may decide to remain east a few months, or even to resign if the Home is destined to be broken up. In case our troubles should prove permanent there will be no necessity of my remaining here and it will be a matter of economy for the Board to accept my resignation. I do not desire to leave, however, until I have done all in my power in the interest of the Mission and the Home.

Should you decide not to return with the May steamer please write me your wishes with regard to affairs here, and I shall endeavor to execute them to the best of my ability.

Trusting that God may have in store for us all relief from present troubles and grand success in the end,

I remain

Your Brother in Christ,
A. J. Davis.

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Bureau of Education,

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Bureau of Education,

April 11, 1885.

Appointment of 'General
Agent of Education in Alaska--
Sheldon Jackson, appointed
April 11, 1885.

Approved by L. Q. C. Lamar,
Secretary.

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Office of
Briggs & Bell.
No 68 South Street.

New York April 21, 1885.

General Eaton
Commissioner of Education &c &c.
Washington.

Dear Sir:—

I shall be obliged if you will read the enclosed letter to Dr Jackson and forward it to him at your very earliest convenience.

I do not know Dr Jackson's address in the West, and also wish you to know that I had nothing to do with the publication of the libel upon the missionaries. I am

Very respectfully Yours
(signed) J. S. Oakford

Office of
Hicks & Bell,

No. 68 South Street,

New York, April 21 1885

PLAIN STATEMENTS ABOUT ALASKA.
BY NO MEANS THE PARADISE IT HAS BEEN
DESCRIBED.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

HERALD BUREAU,
CORNER FIFTEENTH AND G STREETS, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, April 19, 1885.

A well known journalist, who has recently returned from Alaska, where he has spent four years, said to-day:—

Yes, Alaska is a great place, but somehow it does not increase in population. It is a dreary, lonesome spot; and of the four hundred Americans there I think three hundred would leave if they had the money to get away. There are mines there, and plenty of them, but there don't seem to be as much in the mines as the owners of them would like. The recently established government there is all right as far as it goes, but of the half dozen officials sent there by the government but one of them has remained there more than three months at a time. There are but few who would remain there at all if it was not that they hold some kind of official places there.

EFFORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

The people there are as a rule Russians, and the efforts of the Presbyterian missionaries to start day and Sabbath schools there are not rewarded with much success except for the missionaries themselves, who manage to draw salaries enough from the people who send them to have a pleasant living. As for the children, they have to be driven into the schools and kept there by force, for their parents take little or no interest in our religion. The various officials who have been there from time to time write glowing descriptions of the country and speak of its numerous advantages, but just as soon as they lose their situations they take the first boat and leave Alaska and all its glories behind them.

Dear Dr Jackson

I cut the above from the N.Y. Herald of yesterday. My object in sending it to you is to assure you that I had no connection with it direct or indirect, I desire to make this statement as broad as possible and feel the need of doing so as I cannot recall any "journalist" other than myself

who has "spent four years in Alaska, and recently returned." I have a suspicion as to its authorship and that it was concocted to injure me as well as the missionaries. I have never written a line to the Herald on the subject of Alaska, or on any subject since I first went to Alaska. I was not in the Herald office during my visit to Washington. I do not know any one connected with the Herald either here or in Washington and finally I left Washington on the 16th inst for this city.

Wishing you a pleasant voyage to Alaska. I am

Yours truly

J. S. Oakford

Rev^d Sheldon Jackson. D.D.

Waverly April 27-83.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson Esq.

Carl

Dear Sir,

About a year
ago the Sunday School of
Boundary Ave. Presbyterian
Church of Baltimore adopted
a new method of contribution,
dividing the school into chapters,
each of which was to take
some special mission.
Alaska was then assigned
to two or three classes, of which
mine is one, and I then
went to ask where the help

was most needed, and you
advised us to take the
Boys School at Sitka, and
promised us a letter soon
now and then. You gave me
the name of an Indian
boy with whom our boys
might correspond, but we
have not yet heard from "Cax".

We have now \$50.⁰⁰, and
do not know just how to
send it. Shall we send it
to you, or directly to Miss Austin
at Sitka. I think I understood
that she has charge of the

school.

If you have not already
promised, and would prefer
to transfer our contributions
to any other field in Alaska
which you may think more
needy we would accept any
suggestion you might make.
We should truly be obliged
too, for any item of information.
We hold a meeting every two
months, and hardly know how
to excite the interest of the
children.

Hoping that you will pardon
me for writing at such

length, and with very kind
regards

Truly yours

Alexma Crawford

Waverly -

Baltimore Co.

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Send the following message, subject to the above terms, which are hereby agreed to.

May 2nd 1886

To

Thomas H. H. H.

Thomas H. H. H.

Hi - Come to the

to go to the

Sheldon Jackson

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Received at PORTLAND, Or.

Dated

Forest Grove Or May 2 1885

To

Sheldon Jackson

Care Waddams and Elliott

Will be there tonight by buggy

Thos. Heaton

Hydah Mission

Sitka Alaska

May 15th 1885

Rev Drs Kendall & Roberts

Dear Brethren

Last Monday the Steamship called at Jackson to remove the store of the North West-Grading Co. We were then about $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Miss Gould came away with us to spend a month at Mangell & Mrs Gould & the two children to spend a month at Sitka. With the family gone, Mr Gould will follow the people to their Sealing Camps.

There is some talk that a brother of Rev Mr Young will stock the dismantled store.

The Hydahs are making a decided advancement in Civilization. They have laid out a new street & erected some seven or eight American houses on it. They greatly need a new School house & Church. The present School house is a temporary affair roughly built of shakes & is neither comfortable, convenient, or of sufficient capacity. With lumber sawed by Mr McLeod a good substantial School house & Church can be erected for about 1000 to 1200 \$.

The store buildings can not be taken

2. (Hydab)

down & removed to any advantage.
& can not be used where they are.

You know that the Hydab Mission
from one cause & another has never been
provided with suitable buildings. &
the efforts of the missionaries are con-
stantly crippled for the want of such
buildings. Can you not do something
for them? They have already waited
long & should not be compelled to wait
over another season.

Please let me know what
you are willing to do.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

If you will send Mr Gould
\$1200 for a new school building

I will relieve you of \$1200 of the
salaries now paid at that station
You are now paying Mr Gould \$1000
Mrs Gould \$300 & Miss Gould \$500 -
making \$1800 in all. Now if you will
put \$1200 of that \$1800 into a building
I will secure \$1200 for & from the Govt
for salaries & thus you will have only
\$600 to pay on salaries this coming season.
Please determine this at your first
meeting, as the season is short up here
& it takes a long time to get things under way

Alfred L. Frank
Box 876
Portland
Or

96 North Mount
Providence, N. Y.
May 3rd 1885.

Dear Dr. Lusk

It is with great
grief I learn from Peter's
letter and the daily paper
that you are "fighting
with beasts" in Tithe as
Paul at Ephesus -
One comfort I took from
it. That I knew the school
had been doing real good
or these people would not
have done this thing and
so opposed it & work.
So long as the Pharaoh will
sit down and content
themselves with beautiful
buildings and fine choirs
and eloquent words
which are merely words
the world the flesh and

The devil are perfectly content
to let her alone, for they
know she is on their side
but when she should
really take up the cross
and preach the gospel
she will always feel
in her own person the
truth of the master's saying
"I came not to send
peace on earth but a
sword".

You have our sincere
sympathy and prayers,
if you can find time to
send me a statement
of affairs I will get
it before the general
public.

One of our dailies, that
has the largest circulation
is a real Indian friend
and last winter fought
out my battle and
killed Trappin on the

Sincere Reserve from
sheer love of mercy and
right.

The wider the real
truth is known the
stronger will be the senti-
ment in our favor -

This paper, the Rochester
Morning Herald is neutral
in politics so that they
cant pick up it's sayings
as Republican or Democrat.

I trust Peter has done
well in the crisis. His letters
are so succinct that I cant
make out much from
this one.

I read his last and
the printed statement to
our Sunday School to day.
God comfort and bless you
in this great trial, and
give you hoping strength,
enduring strength, and
fighting strength.

That all Christians are the
Church of God at large
more realised the need
of the latter quality
I will not take up your
time longer. May God
keep you and build up
stronger than ever, the
Tion you have planted
and builded —

Very truly yours
Olivia L. Johnson

San Francisco, Cal. May 16th 1881

Mr. Theodore Jackson D.D.

My dear brother,

After some further
your Catalogue was duly received
and I am sure it will be
with you to Harcourt's "Tape & Mark"
I have much to say to you and
it is my earnest wish to see you
regarding what is to be done. There
are things for you to do and
the work is not, as you might think,
the slightest thing in which it
is no more.

I have received from the last
number of the C. C. C. Mark and
you know what you have been
informed that the "J. S. Paul"
regarding the San Francisco
for the last year during
the early part of my work. It is
a more exact state of affairs than
before it was in any way
in the state of affairs of the
circumstances.

It is now, after arriving here, that
it would be absolutely necessary

for me its church & school. I
have no doubt it will be a great
thing. We have done, our previous
sunday school work is so much
more so. Monday, the 18th. night,
we will, God willing, all sail.
You could not possibly have done
us a greater favor than to
show us that kind of interest
in our J. P. school. We have
none at all in the power to assist
in purchasing our goods and
in making our work very valuable.
We have found amongst the people
of the District a great many more
people than we have in the
Christian love for our work with
interest and encouragement for our
work. Once more receive my thanks
for your hearty for your kind
interest in our work.
We have with us a number, more
for our dwelling house and for
our school house, also charts, slates
&c., including books for our school
as soon as possible. Whether we
will succeed in opening our school
this fall, or in the future,

So in this place we are surrounded
by a great many acres of
the most beautiful in the world.
The view of the lake from our
table in the afternoon is
very fine indeed.

The directors of the bank have been
informed, & they are now making
the final arrangements for the sale of the
bank, and will be able to give you full
information as soon as they hear from
the directors.

May the spirit of the Lord
recompense and bless both our
loving efforts, so that we
may see the glorious Alaska
Mission and the work and that
the name of Jesus our only Redeemer
shall be dear to the heart
of every faithful person dwelling
in the happy land, amen.

William C. Howland.

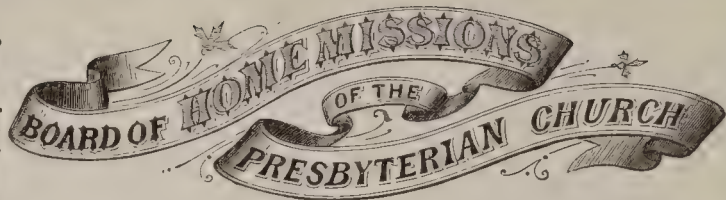
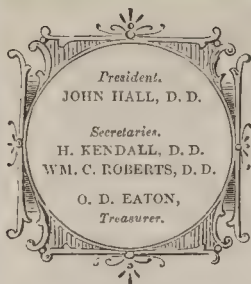
Haines May 20/85-
Dr Jackson
Dear Bro

I will send
you a note by the Printer
fearing the mail will not
reach you before your
return from west.

I have thought of
Sarah Dickinson as
teacher for Haines
& though I am not
acquainted with her very
well will recommend her
as teacher her reports
are good.

all is quiet at present
we have had quite a "boil"

Traternaty E S Willard
is here



P. O. Box 1938.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New-York, May 21st 1885

Dear Dr Jackson,

The Commissioner wishes to recommend in his report that some arrangements or laws be made that will protect our pupils in the schools in Alaska and wants from you and the others at Sitka a full statement of the action of the officials and the results upon the school and the pupils.

These statements should be made by yourself, Brady, Austin, Misses Dauphin & Rankin, Mr. McFarland and if Davis knows, from him also. If there are others, from them also. Let it be graphic as you please. I will direct this to

Prof Davis jointly with you so that
if you are absent he can attend
to it. Send the ~~and~~ statements direct
to the Comr. of Indian Affairs J.D.C.
Atkins - Washington D.C.

The Secys are off to the
Assembly - The Board would not
take any action upon any appli-
cations - all are postponed until
after the Assembly -

We are in our new quarters
280 Broadway - where we hope
to see you when you get back -

Yours truly
O. D. Briggs

ack

Hammond Rd

Mass.

June 1st

Rev. Herman Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir:

Your letters came
& I have received Rev. Mr. Cle-
land's notes of your letter to him.
I thank you much for writing to
John, & Mr. W. Even if all this
eventuates in nothing I am very
glad you wrote. Every fellow
like I have sympathetic interest.
John is of a very grateful generous
nature, & he will thoroughly ap-
preciate your kindness. I have
always tried to keep him attached
to the Presbyterian Church & alive to
Church work & the activities of our
leading members, & whatever turns
out I shall be most happy to like

our father to know you did all
in your power. I wish you had
had any letters before you left Pitkin
something might have been done as
to the Home ship. All that is now
settled & I hope the circumstances will
be such, however, that we may
give us a chance. Meanwhile you
have the schools in your hands.
What has your signal this is about
making the pupils, giving up the
girls to infirmities & relatives &c. It
seems to me after all our work
it should be stopped. I wish our
schools could be strongly estab-
lished, with regard to the suggestions
made a while ago by Secretary
Teller. He spoke strongly about
making the pupils civilized &
Christian without making them
forget for facts about them, times
of making humble people. I

have found that Mrs. W. F. F. is a good one in this regard,
though as I am not there I see I cannot lend it. I
hope she will not bring up the girls to be at all doing
the same thing, passing their own children, and
regarding duty rather than momentary whim. We have
spoiled girls enough East! I hope Mrs. F. & her will re-
cover the truth, & that I shall see you when you come
East again. Daisy is well. She has just visited us.

As you
John W. F. F.

DISTRICT OF ALASKA,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

SITKA, _____, 188

John H. Kinkead
Governor

Hoonyah Mission June 5, 1885
Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro-

Your letter of
May 13th & 22nd reached us last-
Wednesday 3 of June. If we had
no work among our own people
at home we would feel it a
privilege and duty to go, but
it is a mistaken idea that
there is no work to do in the
Summer among the Hoonyahs.
There has only been three Sabbaths
that there has not been any
Indians here since the close of
school, and these were at
different periods, one family
has been here nearly all the time,
all Spring there have been

some sick brought home to be
doctored, as soon as one would
get able to go another would
come, also several families
came home to make gardens,
they tell us a good many
come here in July to catch
Salmon, The majority of our
people are near the Ice Moun-
tain above Bartlett's Bay at-
present hunting Seal, we have
just returned from a camping
expedition to one of ^{our} villages
on the Sound, where we found
a good number of Eskimoes,
and quite a transient as-
semblage. Before school closed
we gave out the word we would
have school at Bartlett's Bay
in the latter part of July, Aug.
& Sept. or as long as there would
be children to justify. Most of our

Indians congregate there at-
that-time to gather berries,
There are several Villages on the
Sound where they collect-in Sum-
-mer and our desire is to visit
them all this season, as not
more than half of our tribe
were at home last-winter,
we met-some of them while
away, and they all promised
to come home next-winter,
some of them had staid
all winter at their places,
and the others said they looked
older than they did because
they had not-been where
the school was to learn. We
had engaged our crew, and
just-sent-word by this mail
to Mr Willard asking him to
join us, also had got-the
Indian to consent to take him

at a reasonable figure, and had
come home to get ready for
Presbytery, but as Presbytery
has been postponed we will
return to our work on the
Sound. The man who brought
our mail in May did not
wait until the arrival of the
Boat so that - is why we did
not get your letters sooner.
We are very sorry to hear of the
trouble at Sitka but hope &
pray that - the Lord may over-
rule^{it} for good. Our kindest
regards to your self & family
Your humble servant in
the Masters service

John W. M^r. Farland
Thanks for Menthol Pencils

Carlisle Pa.
June 8th 1886.

Dear Bro. Sheldon,

Your of
May 18th is just at hand,
Thanks for the Enclosure,
I suppose it is a check for
\$60. on "Merchants National
Bank" New York.

Louise & I came home
from General Assembly last
week, we met Mr. Austin,
and were very much pleased
with him. I watched
close for your "Oregon plot"
& could find nothing until
near the end of the session
when the "Milage Com."
brought in its report and
recommended that the
Synod Columbia should

be directed to join the Pres.
bytery of Alaska to the Pres.
of Oregon. I thought there is
the head of the "cat" coming
out of the "bag" & at once got
the floor & protested so vigor-
ously that it was stricken out
of the report. Dr. Lindsay of
Oregon was on the platform
but he gave no sign that he
had any interest in the matter.
I do not know whether he had
or not. I met Mr Milligan as
we were assigned to the same
hotel. & found him a very pleas-
ant man. — We are all in usual
health. Fleming is well, he talks
of going on to Chicago this week.
but we will try to keep him.

All join in love to you.

Res. Nov. 1871.

Washington, June 8. 85

Rev. Dr. Jackson

Rev. & Dear Bro.

I have just placed
your communication to me
in the hands of Secretary Loomis -
and I now write you to say
that my whole conviction is
that the war you have entered
upon with the government
officers of Alaska will result
in a total defeat for one party
or the other - If you don't drive
them out they will drive you
out - What I would advise
is that you immediately take
steps to bring charges against
such of them from the Judge -

down through the whole scale -
make out your affidavits and
send them on here and we will
do what can be done to turn the
Fosco's out.

I hope the cause of truth
and righteousness may triumph.

Very sincerely your friend

B. Sunderland
(Rev Byron Sunderland ²⁵)

Waverly June 10-85.
Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir

I have just
received your letter, and I
write at once to tell you
that we have sent \$50.⁰⁰
for the Boys' School at Sitka,
directly to Miss Austin.

We waited some time for
directions, but not hearing
concluded, as it was already
late in the season, that
we had better send.

It is hard to realize the

great distance, and the length
of time required for the mail,
but I hope that this will
make no confusion, still
I regret it.

I perfectly understand how
very moment of your
time must be occupied,
but whenever you do have
an opportunity, we shall
always be glad to hear from
you -

Our band held a meeting
about two weeks ago, and
I have never seen the

Children more interested.
A number of questions on
Alaska and the work there
had been prepared, and
distributed on the previous
week, and their answers
showed that their attention
had been very much aroused
and excited.

With most cordial sympathy
and interest in the work,
Very truly,

Alexina Crawford, Sec.
Waverly - Boundary Ave. Church
Baltimore Co.
Md.

Harrising Alaska, U.S.A.
June 10th 1880

Rev. Sheldon Hanson

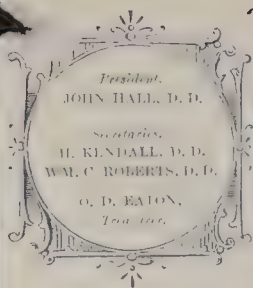
Dear Sir

I am pretty sure you can
procure a house here, as Mr. Church has a good house
which is unoccupied, as the people are all at work
and I think, there are plenty of houses here to rent
The people here seems to be a kind of demoralized
they are commencing the Danomite business, here
against the Chukches, there has been two Explosions
the last one last night but, no serious damage done
it is rather a serious affair, that a civilized community
should resort to such cowardly actions, but it is
the opinion that if the feindish parties are caught
the Civil Courts will have no use, for them I hope
you are getting extracted from these difficulties
there is no other news of importance here.

By wishing you success and happiness

I remain yours with great respect

R. F. Harris



BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P. O. Box 1938.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New York June 16th 1885

Dear Bro Jackson,

On the 25th of May I placed \$500 to your credit in the Merchant's Bank, and on or about the 8th of June \$1,577.74 more. This redeems my promise and a little more.

When I made the last deposit I inquired the amount of your balance and was told it was about \$350. As you see you would have been a little short had I not made a deposit to your credit in the month of May.

Owing to its enormous debt, about \$140,000, the Board did not act on the April and

May Dockets. Your case
with 499 others will come
up on the 23rd of this month.

The General Assembly in-
structed its commissioners
to do all in their power to
raise the \$140,000 to relieve the
Bran of its embarrassment.

Remember me very kindly
to all the workers at Little

Mostly yours,
A. L. Eaton
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1304 Conn. Ave.
Washington D.C. 8, 22 85

Mr. Jackson

My Dear Sir:

I was very
glad to hear your
letter came. It is
forwarded to me, & I
hastened my return to
that I could in your
matter. I should have
written before, but I
learned that Dr. Lander
could not write to
you after an inter-
view with Sec. Lamar.

I do not believe your
opponents will be able
to remove you - at
least I should be greatly
surprised if they were
to succeed. if I could
be surprised at anything
in the development of
our political life - but
your friends do not
propose to stop at that.

There must be
removal if possible.
Still I think the immediate
point is to see that they

do not disturb you.

I shall be glad to do
what I can in this
direction - He would be
well I think to let us
know to whom you
write that we may
operate together
or not work on different
plans - I write
in haste.

Yrs truly
Y. L. Childs.

THE POLYMERIZATION OF

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Rev. Dr. Jackson, Sitka Alaska -
Dear Sir & brother,

We do not know how
yet just what the trouble
is - but I just want to
write a line to see you
are not forgotten by us -
We know the God who
delivered Daniel - & Paul
& Peter - can do as much
& more - for you also - &
I join with many
others in giving you
into His care -

Mr. Austin went yesterday

to Washington to find out
the schemes in question
if possible -

The Lord bless & keep you -
yours truly & resp^{ly}

J. E. H. Harris Sec.

Jackson Alaska
June 28th 1885

Dr Bro,

I should have written
last mail but did not.

The sack contained \$200.50 if
my count was correct, many thanks
both for the sum & the shape.

I suppose you & the Gov. did not
get off for the westward.

As I did not get any communi-
cation from you or Mr Young
I did not go to Wrangel this
month. Immediately after the
steamer left I visited the fur-
sealing Camps & some other
places I had desired to see.

Think I shall go to Klawack
soon as practicable. Quite a
good many people there and
more going. They, the Hennevas
are making & using Hootzenoo
abundantly I am told.

I think some one with authority should be sent there to settle the matter of manufacturing the stuff, and some other matters.

How much may we hope to have invested in a school house here? Our people are getting clamorous & discouraged. Say we have promised Home. Churchhouse & School house. I have tried to explain to them how delay has been unavoidable, if we waited for the mill to make the lumber, ask them to exercise faith & patience a little longer.

I am much more anxious about the school building than the church building.

Our people are poor now, suffering almost a famine, they did not get many seeds;

As more than all they say "we
have no stone no stone."

I hope something may occur
to revive them before another
winter.

I hope you found the general
condition of things improved at
Sitka and that McLeod is getting on
with his job.

If my people are enjoying Sitka
I'll be glad when they have
enough of it; for it begins
to seem there should be some-
body here. Mrs. M. F., may not
be satisfied with two months
of them but think she should.

I am pleased to hear good
report of Mr Davis.

Are these days long
enough for you?

Yours in the work
J. Loomis Sewell

Portland June 27, 1885

Rev. Sheldon Jackson A.C.

U.S. Dept of Education, Alaska

Dear Sir,

You will receive

bills of goods bought as per your order to
be shipped on the "Ancon".

Duplicates will be sent to Gen. Eaton
of Bureau of Education.

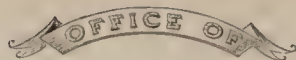
I bought Solid Walnut table ^{48x60 inches} with hard
wood sides of drawers instead of veneered
panels & solid wood sides of drawers, which soon
swell & tighten in a ^{damp} climate like Alaska. The
difference in price was \$5. In freight nothing.

I trust that all will be satisfactory & will
be received in good order.

I trust that your great trials in the
Alaska Educational work will, under the
divine guidance, win a crown and bless all
the generations of that people.

Yours fraternally

G. H. Atkinson



SUPERINTENDENT

Presbyterian Home Missions for the Northwest

—*OREGON, WASHINGTON, IDAHO, ALASKA.*—

P. O. BOX 82.

Salem, Oregon, June 27th. 1885. /SS

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

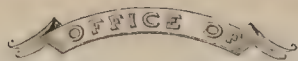
I see by the telegraphic news that you have been having a lively time up in Sitka lately. It is said that you have four indictments pending against you, and that you had to take to the woods to escape personal violence at the hands of the enraged people. What is the matter anyhow? It seems to a man down here that there is a curious state of affairs prevailing, when a minister of the Gospel has to flee for his life. And this too in our boasted land of liberty.

On receipt of the intelligence I at once communicated with the Board, and urged that for your sake, as well as for the sake of all our interests in Alaska, that a movement be pushed at Washington to secure the long promised change of officials at once. I said that we dare not wait any more on this matter, as the procrastination of the President may allow the whole work of our Mission to be completely ruined. I have not heard from you or from Mr. Frank in reference to the cases which were on trial, so I have no means of knowing whether he has been

successful or not. I wrote to the Board in full about them, and they are now getting anxious to learn how they have been decided. If you have not already sent me word by this steamer, do so without fail by the next. Is the persecution still as eager as ever? or has the wrath of your enemies abated? If I can do you any good command me for I assure you that you have my sympathy in this outrageous persecution, and I am eager to see you escape the malice of your numerous foes up there. I wrote an article for the Oregonian in reply to an severe note of the Editor, on the subject of our work in Alaska, in which I endeavored to make a defence of your work and that of the Schools, but although I signed my full name to it the Editor refused even to notice it. It was put into the waste paper basket, without a word of any kind at the time but in nine days a long and labored editorial was printed on the general question of Indian Civilization; in this the same views were presented in a modified form, and this time with no reference to Alaska. I am very much inclined to the opinion that there will be a systematic effort made to root us out of Alaska, of which the first tokens are to be seen in the work against you, and in the determination of the press to bias public opinion against us. May God give you wisdom so that you can escape the snares of your enemies.

Faithfully Yours,

Robert W. Hill. S.M.



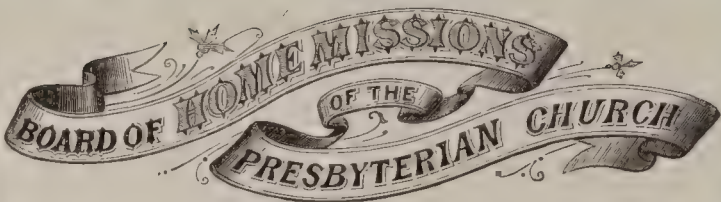
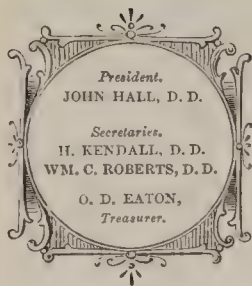
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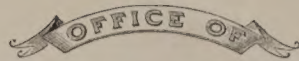
New-York, June 29 1885

Dear Dr Jackson

The Board at its last meeting June 23.85 granted to Alaska School account

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|-------------------------|------------|---|---------|
| Mrs McFarland | Feb 1.85 | — | 600. |
| A E Austin | May 7.85 | : | 1000. |
| J. Heaton | 85. | | 800. |
| J. W. McFarland | May 8.85 | | 500. |
| Mr. " " | June 1.85. | | 500. |
| Sittka Bills | | | 1535.91 |
| Hydoh " | | | 45.97 |
| Chilcat " | | | 99.09 |
| " " | | | 180.— |
| Hydoh Building | | | 1200.— |
| A. J. Davis Dr Expenses | | | 122.50 |
| Miss Kelsey " | | | 158.65 |
| " Rankin " | | | 50.— |

Yours truly O. E. Boop



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P. O. BOX 82.

Salem, Oregon, June 29th. 1885/88

Dear Doctor: I have since writing to you received your letter, with its information as to matters in the North.

I am very glad that you are in no real danger from your persecutors, but I do not regret my letter to the Board in your behalf, as it will stir them up to do something for us. In regard to oxen, I have seen Davis and told him to ask the Board to give me instructions about purchasing them. While I am fully persuaded that they will be of great assistance to the Mission, the Board is so crippled financially, that I cannot make such a purchase till I have heard from N.Y. As to the other things I will have all on this Steamer. In fact all are now ordered, and I have given a standing order to send up fifty sacks of flour a month till I change the amount.

It will be well for you to know that Sen. Dolph is a passenger by this steamer on a tour of inspection. Do the best you can to make a favorable impression on him, as his report will have great influence in determining the future action of Congress. While the excursion is in Sitka, keep the boys and girls dressed in their best, and make such favorable disposition of the school as will be for our advantage. I send you shoes, caps &c. which will help you to improve the general appearance of the school. As to Mrs. Heaton; I will see her by the next steamer, and if the lady wishes to go, and is suitable for our work I will send her. I have been told that she will not prove as valuable as her husband. As for him, his fault is a deepseated love for whiskey. You will have to be on the look out to prevent a carouse on his part. So long as you can keep him from the drink he will be a most valuable man for your work. I expect to see Austin on this steamer, and will have a good talk with him about all matters. Tell Prof. Kelly to push things.

How would a young brother of mine do to go out to one of the Schools far to the West-ward? I do not know that he would go, but it is possible that he might. say to Unalaska, or to St. Paul. To go he would have to leave College in his Senior year. Let me hear from you.

Faithfully yours,

Robert W Hill. S.M.

In United States Commissioner Court
for the District of Alaska Juneau City

In the Matter of the } Letters of Guardianship
Guardianship of }
Josephine Jafemoff }
A Minor }

Territory and District of } S.S.
Alaska Juneau City }

Sheldon Jackson
is hereby appointed guardian of the person
and estate of Josephine Jafemoff

Witness Henry Stater U.S. Commissioner
at Juneau City with the seal of the Court
affixed the 14th day of May 1885
By Order of the Court

Henry Stater
U.S. Commissioner
for the Dist of Alaska

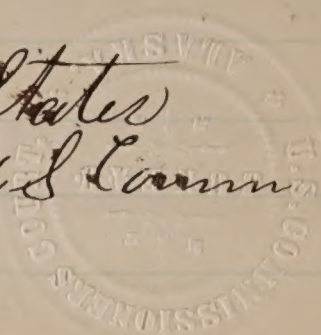
I do Solemnly swear that I will perform
according to law the duties of guardian of
the person and estate of Josephine Jafemoff
a minor

Sheldon Jackson



Subscriber and sworn to before me
this 19th day of May 1883

Henry Stater
U.S. Comm.



United States
Commissioner's
Court for the District
of Alaska, Juneau City

To
Sheldon Jackson
Gaurelianship
over
Josephine Jafemoff.

May 14th 1885